

Historic Name: Norwood United Methodist Church		County: Carver
Common Name: Methodist Church Among the Maples		Community: Norwood
Owner's Name and Address: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Congregation Norwood United Methodist Church Norwood, Minnesota		Address/ <del>Legal Desc.</del> : Hill and Union Streets
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than 1 acre
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.:  Norwood Plat Lots 6, 7 Block 21
Open to the Public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Church Services Only	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Church	
History: Date Constructed: 1876 Original Owner: Congregation Architect/Builder: James Slocum Original Use: Church		UTM Reference: 15 / 426600 / 4957600 Waconia Quad
Description: The Norwood United Methodist Church occupies a prominent location among a grove of maples. It is one story in height and constructed of frame with wood clapboard siding. It is constructed based on a hall church plan with a central aisle. It has a gable roof with a prominent bell tower centrally located in the front gable end. Entry is gained through the bell tower. Above the entrance is a semi-circular transom in which the muntins form one half of a quatrafoil. The secondary gable above the entrance contains a pent roof which slopes upward into the tower. A circular window is located in the base of the tower. The tower is capped by a belfry which consists of two louvered openings enclosed in one large semi-circular arch. Secondary pediments with finials appear above each face of the arch. Semi-circular Romanesque hoods appear above window and (see continuation sheet)		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ State _____ Nation _____
Significance: The Norwood United Methodist Church is a significant and well preserved architectural element in Norwood. In addition, it is significant due to its historical association with Norwood's founder, James Slocum, Jr. This church, which is located on a prominence surrounded by maples, represents a significant architectural element in Norwood and Carver County. Its well preserved architectural elements, such as Romanesque window hoods, tower and belfry, quatrafoil window sash decoration and stained glass, represent a unique architectural design in not only Norwood but Carver County. The Norwood United Methodist Church congregation dates to earliest settlement in the Norwood area. In 1858 a congregation was formed and services were held in private homes until 1873, at which time the Norwood school was secured as a place of worship. In 1876, James Slocum, Jr., an early pioneer, businessman and civic leader designed, financed and built this church. The Church Among the Maples, as it is commonly referred to, is a source of pride not only to the congregation but to the community of Norwood. It continues to serve its original function.		Status: Survey Date Local _____ State <u>10/77</u> Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
		Theme/s: Primary <u>Architecture</u> Secondary <u>Religion</u> Other _____
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door openings. The tall narrow windows are divided into three panes by muntins which form secondary semi-circular arches.